

MEMBERS' COMMENTS ON PREVIOUS ARTICLES

New York Belting & Packing Company Ltd and I.O/C Perfin

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The answer to this query came not from G.B. or the U.S.A. but from Australia. JOHN MATHEWS sent the following information. In a London Directory for 1891 the trademark of the "INTERNATIONAL OKONITE CO. LTD." is prominent in three places, one of which is illustrated below. The entry did not appear prior to 1891. They seem to have been manufacturers of insulated telegraph, telephone and electrical wires of all descriptions and their address was 98 & 100 Queen Victoria Street, London E.C.

The New York Belting & Packing Company Ltd. were first listed in the 1892 directory at the same address and with the same telephone number (1560) as Okonite. Their trade description was the same as on the scroll of the letterhead illustrated in Bulletin 268.

It would appear that residue stamps from International Okonite Co. Ltd. were acquired, along with the premises, by N.Y.B & P.Co.

From JOHN LYDING, Editor of the Perfins Club Bulletin, came the second illustration. It is NYB/PC and is listed in the 'Catalog of United States Perfins' as pattern P181. The entry listing is:- N181 NYB/PC^o 4/4-4-3 (height in mm) N Y Belting & Packing Co, NYC. There is no supplemental data and the catalog does not list a positive identification. John is going to run the article in their April Bulletin in the hope that one of their members can come up with an identified cover.

